

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 84844

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 THE GRAY LINE SCENIC TOURS, INC.,)
 doing business as CALIFORNIA-NEVADA)
 GOLDEN TOURS, for authority to)
 increase passenger stage fares at)
 Tahoe Valley Airport.)

Application No. 55800
 (Filed July 9, 1975)

O P I N I O N

The applicant, The Gray Line Scenic Tours, Inc., doing business as California-Nevada Golden Tours, is a passenger stage corporation conducting local operations in the areas of Lake Tahoe and Reno, Nevada; and intercity operations between the San Francisco Bay Area and various casino locations of Lake Tahoe and Reno. It seeks authority to increase fares for the transportation of passengers between the Tahoe Valley Airport, on the one hand, and points and places in California around the shores of Lake Tahoe, on the other hand. The present fares were authorized by Decision 72457, dated May 23, 1967, in Application 48566.

The following Table 1 portrays the comparison of the presently authorized fares and the requested fares of this application.

COMPARISON OF CALIFORNIA INTRASTATE FARES
PRESENT & REQUESTED

TABLE 1

Miles From Tahoe Valley Airport	Fare Point	Highway	One-Way Fare Present:Requested:		Fare Increase Ratio
2	Tahoe Valley	US 50	0.70	2.00	2.857
4.5	Al Tahoe		0.80	2.00	2.500
5.5	Bijou		1.00	2.00	2.000
7	Stateline		1.20	2.00	1.667
4.5	Camp Richardson	Calif. 89 & 28	0.80	2.00	2.500
10	Fallen Leaf Lodge		1.50	2.00	1.333
12	Emerald Bay		1.55	2.00	1.290
13	Bliss Park		1.80	2.15	1.194
18.5	Meeks Bay		2.25	2.70	1.200
21	Tahoma		2.80	3.35	1.196
22	Chambers Lodge		2.95	3.50	1.186
24	Homewood		3.20	3.80	1.188
25	Tahoe Pines		3.35	4.00	1.194
29.5	Tahoe Tavern		3.90	4.65	1.192
30	Tahoe City		4.05	4.80	1.185
37	Squaw Valley		5.05	6.00	1.188
32	Lake Forest		4.35	5.15	1.183
36	Carnelian Bay		4.90	5.80	1.184
38.5	Tahoe Vista		5.30	6.30	1.189
40	Kings Beach		5.45	6.45	1.183
41	Brockway		5.60	6.65	1.188
41.5	Cal Neva		5.60	6.65	1.188

Generally the fares along U.S. Highway 50 are to be increased to a common or minimum fare of \$2.00. The fares for points along California State Highways 89 and 28 are increased by 18.5% rounded upward to multiples of five cents. These latter fares were not increased in 1967 and the present fares have been in effect for at least ten years.

A review of the carrier's annual reports submitted to the Commission indicates that expenses have increased an overall 72% since 1969. The review is summarized in the following Table 2:

TABLE 2
COMPARISON OF UNIT EXPENSES PER BUS MILE

Line No.	Reference	Item	Annual Report	
			1969 (3)	1974 (4)
1		Operating Expenses	\$1,308,216	\$2,362,677
2		Bus Miles	2,354,617	2,467,409
3	L 1+L2	Optg.Exp/Bus Mile	\$ 0.5556	\$ 0.9576
4	(4)3÷(3)3	Unit Expense Incr.Factor	-	1.7235

The applicant estimates that 16,500 passengers per year will be affected by a change in fares. The requested fares would provide an estimated \$13,200 in additional annual revenue.

Notice has been given in the Commission's daily calendar and no protests have been received.

The Commission finds that:

1. Applicant requests an increase in fares which will provide approximately 67% in additional revenue for the operations involved.
2. Applicant's operating expenses have increased an overall 72% since the presently authorized fares were placed in effect.
3. The requested fare increase is justified.
4. The requested fares will provide \$13,200 in additional revenue.
5. A public hearing is not necessary.

O R D E R


IT IS ORDERED that:

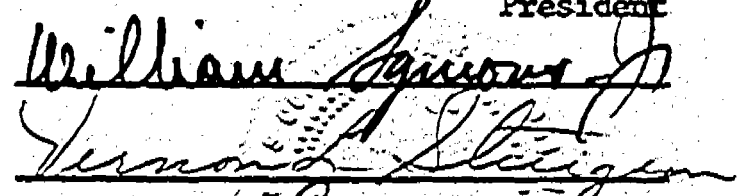
1. The Gray Line Scenic Tours, Inc., doing business as California-Nevada Golden Tours, is authorized to establish the increased fares proposed in Application No. 55800. Tariff publications authorized to be made as a result of this order may be made effective not earlier than five days after the effective date of this order on not less than five days' notice to the Commission and to the public.
2. The authority herein granted shall expire unless exercised within ninety days after the effective date of this order.


3. In addition to the required posting and filing of tariffs, applicant shall give notice to the public by posting in its buses and terminals a printed explanation of its fares. Such notice shall be posted not less than five days before the effective date of the fare changes and shall remain posted for a period of not less than thirty days.

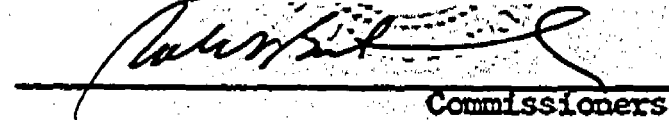
The effective date of this order is the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 26th
day of AUGUST, 1975.



President






Commissioners